

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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ACTION
May 3, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER
FROM: JOHN H. HOLDRIDGE *gnt*
SUBJECT: Actions On Cambodia

The report for the President of actions on Cambodia from April 13 through 12 midnight April 26 is enclosed (Tab I),

The reports submitted by State, Defense, and CIA are at Tab II for your information. I assume you will not wish to pass them to the President.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you forward the report at Tab I to the President.

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State, OSD, ARMY, JCS,
NSS, reviews completed.

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INFORMATION

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER

SUBJECT: Actions On Cambodia

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

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The following is a cumulative report on actions taken or under way on Cambodia for the two-week period from April 13 through 12 midnight April 26. A statistical supplement is attached.

Ground Operations. FANK forces engaged in the clearing operation northwest of Kompong Cham reported light activity during the past week. To the east of Kompong Cham, Kompong Russey is still in enemy control. Harrassment of FANK positions near Pich Nil Pass continues, causing light casualties and damage. In Operation TOAN THANG 01/71, a few minor actions were reported along Route 7 and in the vicinity of Snuol. Enemy casualties in TOAN THANG 91/71 were 221 killed. 25X1

Formation of New Cabinet. State reports that it is clear that Lon Nol has decided to form a new government and stay on as Prime Minister, but there is no official indication yet on the organization or composition of the cabinet. Embassy reporting both indicate, however, that Lon Nol's intention is to associate two or even three other leading political figures with Sirik Matak as deputy prime ministers. One of these will evidently be Son Ngoc Thanh; other possibilities are National Assembly President In Tam, former central bank governor Son Sann, and Ambassador to Japan Sim Var. Any or all of these figures would strengthen the government's political base, but would raise problems of diluting Sirik Matak's authority and creating a kind of committee leadership under Lon Nol, whose health will keep him relatively inactive for the next few months at least. In his consultations for the formation of a new government, Lon Nol is apparently relying heavily on his elder-statesman advisers, Pach Chhoeun, Pho Proeung, and Au Chhoeun, rather than on members of the outgoing government or on his brother Lon Non. Ambassador Swank has reported that even if the problem of several deputy premiers is worked out quickly so many other details remain to be resolved that the new government can hardly be expected to be formed and confirmed by the National Assembly for at least another week or ten days. In the meantime, there appears to be no air of crisis or tension in Phnom Penh, and we have no indications of any potentially dangerous or destabilizing political plotting going on. 25X1

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STATISTICAL SUPPLEMENT

Air Operations remained at approximately the same level.

	<u>U. S.</u>	<u>AVNK</u>	<u>VNAF</u>
B-52	55	-	-
TACAIR	866	115	540
Reconnaissance	209	-	-

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Third Country Military Forces in Cambodia remained at approximately the same level.

RVNAF 18,637 men

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Training. A total of 8,242 Cambodians are now training in RVN [] 25X1
 [] A total of 2,487 Cambodian personnel completed courses of training 25X1
 during the reporting period. This is above the average of recent months. 25X1

Military Assistance. The value of equipment deliveries during the fortnight ending April 26 was \$4.2 million compared with \$4.4 million during the previous two weeks. Material delivered follows:

	<u>U. S. Source</u>	<u>Third Country</u>	<u>Captured</u>
River Patrol Boats	11	-	-
Small Arms	102	-	-
Small Arms Ammo (rounds)	34,294,000	-	-
Crew Served Weapons	213	-	-
Crew Served Ammo (rounds)	87,823	-	-
Radios	458	-	-
Trucks	108	-	-

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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April 28, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HENRY A. KISSINGER
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Weekly Report on Cambodia No. 36

Third-Country Assistance to Cambodia

Australian Training/Advisory Help

Embassy Canberra has recommended that we discuss with Defense Minister Gorton during his visit to Washington our hope for additional Australian training and advisory help to FANK. The GOA has not yet worked out a coordinated position on this subject.

Political and Diplomatic Developments

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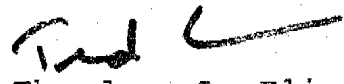
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For 
Theodore L. Eliot, Jr.
Executive Secretary

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INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

27 APR 1971

In reply refer to:
I-35497/71

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR
NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS
ATTN: MR. HERBERT LEVIN

SUBJECT: Weekly Report - Cambodia

Attached is the subject report requested in your August 15, 1970 memorandum.

Enclosure
Report

cc: SecDef
DepSecDef
C/JCS
ASD (PA)

Upon removal of attachments
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MILITARY OPERATIONS

Ground.

FANK forces engaged in the clearing operation northwest of Kompong Cham reported light activity during the past week. To the east of Kompong Cham, Kompong Russey is still in enemy control. Lead elements of the Route 4 clearing force remain about five miles northeast of the Pich Nil Pass. Meanwhile, harrassment of FANK positions near the Pass continues, causing light casualties and damage. In Operation TOAN THANG 01/71, a few minor actions were reported along Route 7 and in the vicinity of Snuol. Enemy casualties in TOAN THANG 01/71 were 221 killed.

Air.

	<u>U.S.</u>	<u>AVNK^{a/}</u>	<u>VNAF</u>
B-52	7	-	-
TACAIR	483	52	250
Reconnaissance	102	-	-

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THIRD COUNTRY SUPPORT

Forces Involved In-Country

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MILITARY ASSISTANCE. The value of equipment deliveries during week ending 25 April was less than preceding week, \$.3 million compared with \$3.9 million last week. Material delivered follows:

	<u>U.S. Source</u>	<u>Third Country</u>	<u>Captured</u>
Small Arms	102	-	-
Crew Served Weapons	213	-	-
Radios	242	-	-
Trucks	8	-	-

a/ AVNK is the abbreviation for the Cambodian Air Force

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